

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A composition, comprising gabapentin and at least one salt of a nonacidic cation and an anion of a mineral acid, wherein ~~the~~ said composition comprises more than 20 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin, and wherein:

said composition comprises at most 0.5% by weight of gabapentin lactam;

said nonacidic cation is selected from the group consisting of alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, and mixtures thereof; and

said anion of a mineral acid is selected from the group consisting of fluoride, chloride, bromide, iodide, sulfate, phosphate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 25 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 30 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 50 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 75 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 100 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 250 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 500 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 1000 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, which ~~contains~~ comprises more than 2000 ppm of ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid, based on the amount of the gabapentin.

Claim 29 (original): The composition of Claim 19, ~~comprising~~ which further comprises at most 5 ppm of one or more addition salts of gabapentin and an acid.

Claim 30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (currently amended): The composition of Claim ~~19~~ 30, wherein ~~the~~ said nonacidic cation is selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, ~~and~~ calcium, and mixtures thereof.

Claims 32-33 (canceled).

Claim 34 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, wherein ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral ~~an~~ acid is selected from the group consisting of fluoride, chloride, bromide, iodide, sulfate, ~~and~~ phosphate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, wherein ~~the~~ said anion of a mineral acid is chloride.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The composition of Claim 19, wherein the salt ~~is~~ of a nonacidic cation and an anion of a mineral acid comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The A-pharmaceutical composition of Claim 19,
which is in dry unit dosage form, comprising:

- ~~—— (a) gabapentin;~~
- ~~—— (b) at least one salt of a nonacidic cation and an anion of a mineral acid, and~~
- ~~—— (c) at least one nonacidic excipient~~

~~wherein the composition contains at least 20 ppm of the anion of a mineral acid, based on the
amount of the gabapentin.~~

Claims 38-55 (canceled).

Claim 56 (withdrawn): A method of treating a cerebral disease, comprising
administering an effective amount of the composition of Claim 19 to a subject in need
thereof.

Claim 57 (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of Claim 56, wherein the
said cerebral disease is epilepsy, faintness attacks, hypokinesia, dizziness, or cranial trauma.

Claim 58 (withdrawn): A method of improving cerebral function, comprising
administering an effective amount of the composition of Claim 19 to a subject in need
thereof.

Claim 59 (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of Claim 58, wherein the
said subject is a geriatric patient.

Claim 60 (withdrawn): A method of treating a neurodegenerative disorder, perinatal, comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of Claim 19 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 61 (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of Claim 60, wherein ~~the~~ said neurodegenerative disorder is stroke, Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Parkinson's disease.

Claim 62 (withdrawn): A method of treating depression, comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of Claim 19 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 63 (withdrawn): A method of treating anxiety, comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of Claim 19 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 64 (withdrawn): A method of treating or preventing panic attacks, comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of Claim 19 to a subject in need thereof.

Claims 65-73 (canceled).

Claim 74 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which further comprises at least one nonacidic excipient.

Claim 75 (new): The composition of Claim 19, wherein said nonacidic cation is chloride.

Claim 76 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.4% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 77 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.3% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 78 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.2% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 79 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.15% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 80 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.1% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 81 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.08% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 82 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.05% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 83 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.04% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 84 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.02% by weight of gabapentin lactam.

Claim 85 (new): The composition of Claim 19, which comprises at most 0.01% by weight of gabapentin lactam.